

ARTICLE 3

REPORT/SYMMES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY)

WHEREAS: The 2001 Annual Town Meeting voted under Article 77 to establish the Symmes Advisory Committee to advise and assist the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager, the Arlington Redevelopment Board and the Town Meeting in determining the appropriate uses for the Symmes Campus, and

WHEREAS: The Town has adopted the Symmes Arlington Conservation and Improvement Project, Arlington, Massachusetts Urban Renewal Plan (approved by a vote of 141 in the affirmative and 21 in the negative under Article 2 of the October 1, 2001 Special Town Meeting Session of January 16, 2002), and

WHEREAS: That Article 77 of the 2001 Annual Town Meeting establishing the Symmes Advisory Committee was amended by Article 2 of the January 16, 2002 session of the October 1, 2001 Special Town Meeting, and

WHEREAS: The Symmes Advisory Committee

Has met regularly since July 2001, and

Has adopted the Arlington Board of Selectmen Policy Statement on the Symmes Campus, regarding open space and public use, affordable housing, medical use, commercial use, residential use and fiscally benevolent impact, and

Has held over 100 public meetings; and

Has worked extensively and continuously in concert with the Arlington Redevelopment Board since January 16, 2002, and

Has conducted and managed a broad-based community outreach process, including a town-wide survey, four public workshops explaining the work of the Committee and the Arlington Redevelopment Board, and

Has retained the services of the professional urban design consulting firm Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, and with the advice of said firm has undertaken extensive site inventory, technical analysis, market review and analysis, and examination of alternative possible uses and their impact, and development of a comprehensive economic model for evaluating the fiscal implications of alternative development scenarios on the Town, and

Has presented the comprehensive work product of the Committee to the Town and the public through various meetings and its web-site, and

Has presented its report and recommendations to this Town Meeting,

Therefore, the Town votes as follows:

Accepts and endorses the work of the Symmes Advisory Committee, and its Report (the "Report") as provided with its references and appendices, including its recommendations, guidelines, standards, preferences and requirements, and

Recommends that the Town Manager, the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee undertake their best efforts to follow and adhere to the recommendations of the Report, and

Requests, accepts and endorses the Vote of the Arlington Redevelopment Board of April 28, 2003, under which the Arlington Redevelopment Board endorses the Report, and will undertake its best efforts to follow and implement its recommendations, guidelines, standards, preferences and requirements in its preparation of Requests for Proposals for the site and in its management, redevelopment and disposition of the site, and

Requests that the Arlington Redevelopment Board report on its activities with respect to the site and on the status of its efforts at each Regular or Special Town Meeting until the Urban Renewal project is formally closed, and

Requests that the Symmes Advisory Committee continue to provide its advice and assistance as authorized under Article 77 of the 2001 Annual Town Meeting and Article 2 of the October 1, 2001 Special Town Meeting session of January 16, 2002 until such time as the Committee is dissolved by vote of Town Meeting.

A true copy of the vote under
Article 3 of the Warrant for the
Special Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 12, 2003.

ATTEST:

Town Clerk